

side. I have had time to reconsider my vote and I would like to have us offer Senator Rod Johnson another attempt at that bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Discussion on the motion to reconsider. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, did you wish to discuss the motion to reconsider?

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Yes, of course, Mr. President. I admire the skill and I admire the agility and the ability on this floor, you don't see much of it sometimes, and particularly in the latter days that it gets a little bit cumbersome. But I would just like to point out that the motion by Senator Smith is, of course, an obvious effort by those individuals who wish to discuss the proposed amendment that Senator Rod Johnson is offering to LB 142A. So in order to make it possible to offer the amendment that Senator Johnson has proposed for LB 142A, they must now pass 142. That bill has failed. Let me give you a little bit of history. There was a time when a couple friends of mine, a couple of lobbyists, brought a bill to me that had to do with ethanol. The bill contained a great many various factors involving ethanol production, subsidies and others. I asked them to take it to someone else and see if someone else would carry the bill. They came back to me rather late in the day and said they had circulated the bill among all of the proponents of ethanol and no one was interested in the bill. I said there are many parts of the bill that I do not support but I will take the bill because I'm interested in a part of what the bill does and I am interested in improving the situation in regards to ethanol. So I took the bill. Since I have introduced that bill, the bill has been heard. I feel a little bit like the farm lad who took the young lady to the dance and all of his friends danced with her all night long and he never...he sat on the sidelines. Everyone has had a go at this bill and it has long since been the kind of vehicle which I really approve of. It is now being used, ladies and gentlemen, in a manner totally foreign to that which we had intended. But that is of a different point. We can argue that point under LB 754. LB 754 is next up on the green sheet and that is the vehicle which ought to be used for legitimate debate so that those individuals who are interested in this issue are here and know what's going on. The only reason for the Senator Smith motion is to try to circumvent what has already happened so that we can pass a bill which is not needed, so that we can then get to LB 142A and keep the people who are interested in being